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Attorney Docket No. P26,952 USA

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures of April 17, 2003 be extended five months, from May 17, 2003 to October 17, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$2,010.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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